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1. FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

- A. RE SEPTEMBER VISIT, GUEST QUARTERS RESERVATIONS ARE NOW SET FOR AUG 31-SEPT 1, SEPT 17-20 AND SEPT 28-OCT 4. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT YALE APPEARANCE SEPT 28 WILL REQUIRE AMBASSADOR TO OVERNIGHT SEPT 28 AT YALE POLITICAL UNION GUEST LODGE. WE WILL NOT RPT NOT CHANGE GUEST QUARTERS RESERVATIONS FOR SEPT 28 AT THIS POINT, AND AWAIT COMPLETE FLESHING OUT OF SCHEDULE.

- B. ON NAVAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT, NAT DAVIS WILL TRY TO ARRANGE STOP IN NEW LONDON EN ROUTE NEWPORT-NEW HAVEN ON SEPT 28; ONLY PROBLEM HE SEES IS POSSIBILITY NO VESSELS WOULD BE IN PORT THAT DAY. SINCE AMBASSADOR NOT DUE AT
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YALE UNTIL AROUND 3:30 PM, AN EARLY DEPARTURE FROM NEWPORT WILL GIVE AMBASSADOR AMPLE TIME IN NEW LONDON. NAT DAVIS HAS INVITED KENT BROWN TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR ON NEWPORT/NEW LONDON TRIP. IF BY STROKE OF LUCK WE CAN SPRING FUNDS FOR KENT'S TRAVEL, WOULD AMBASSADOR OBJECT TO HIS ACCOMPANYING? PHILADELPHIA ACTIVITIES (MOSCOW 19337, PARA 3) ARE BEING ARRANGED TO PERMIT AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE

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SEPT 26 BY MID-AFTERNOON.
- C. ON YALE POLITICAL UNION APPEARANCE, YPU WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH AND QS AND AS WITH TRADITIONAL IN-HOUSE DEBATE ON SPEAKER'S TOPIC. AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN FOR DEBATE, BUT YPU WANTS TO BE SURE AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A DEBATE ON DETENTE BEING HELD BY YPU WHILE HE IS YPU GUEST.

- D. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT SEPT 25 CHICAGO CFR LUNCH, BROOKS MCCORMICK IS PLANNED TO DO INTRODUCTION OF AM-BASSADOR. MCCORMICK MAY ALSO ASK TO HAVE SHORT PRIVATE SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR BEFORE OR AFTER LUNCH ON CRAWFORD. OTHER CHICAGO-BASED BUSINESSES MAY ALSO ASK FOR BRIEF PRIVATE SESSIONS AS WELL.

- E. ATLANTA BREAKFAST FORUM AND CITADEL ARE NOW SET FOR OCTOBER 3. AMBASSADOR WOULD DEPART WASHINGTON EVENING OF OCTOBER 2, AND RETURN EVENING OF OCTOBER 3.

- F. WOULD AMBASSADOR LIKE US TO ARRANGE A RENTAL CAR FOR HIS VACATION TO PINEHURST, SEPT 1 (LAST DAY FOR PICK-UP) TO SEPT 8? FOREIGN SERVICE AUTO RENTAL CO., WHICH OFFERS REASONABLE PRICES, COULD RESERVE A 1978 FORD FAIRMONT, WITH AIR CONDITIONING, FOR THAT PERIOD AT 69 DOLLARS PER WEEK PLUS SIXTEEN CENTS PER MILE. WE MUST LET THEM KNOW ASAP.

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- G. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS PRESTIGIOUS CALVIN BULLOCK FORUM IN NEW YORK ON SEPT 21, AT 4 PM FOR 45 MINUTE TALK. BULLOCK FORUM HAS AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 140 REPRESENTATIVES OF WALL STREET'S LEADING FINANCIAL IN-STITUTIONS AND ALL TALKS ARE STRICTLY OFF RECORD. PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE INCLUDED PRESIDENTS, CABINET MEMBERS, SENATORS AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES. BULLOCK FORUM STAFF WOULD ARRANGE FOR AMBASSADOR'S ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO CFC EVENTS BEGINNING ABOUT 5 PM. PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP WHETHER AMBASSADOR CAN ACCEPT INVITATION.

2. RE MOSCOW 19337, PARA 4, NOBEL IS INITIATING ORDERS THIS WEEK, AND CLIFF SHOULD HAVE THEM IN EARLY SEPT. PLAN REMAINS AS YOU HAVE IT - A PERIOD OF OVERCOMPLEMENT AFTER LEAVE, FOLLOWED BY AN ASSIGNMENT TO BEX. RE PARA 5, REPEATED CHECKS HAVE TURNED UP NOTHING IN THE WAY OF A SUITABLE TDY BUT EX IS CHECKING OUT AN IDEA, AND WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU ASAP.

3. FROM PAUL COOK: INR IS SOMEWHAT BEMUSED BY EMBASSY COMMENTS IN MOSCOW 19193, PARA 4, ABOUT THE RARITY OF ANTI-SEMITIC EXPRESSIONS UNDER STALIN WHICH SEEMS TO IGNORE THE

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1949 "ANTI-COSMOPOLITAN" AND THE 1952-53 DOCTORS PLOT CAMPAIGNS. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR THE "GRADUALLY INCREASING SINCE THEN" PHRASE FOR IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UP AND DOWN PHENOMENON EPITOMIZED BY THE ECONOMIC CRIMES CAMPAIGN OF THE LATE 1950'S. IN ANOTHER VEIN, THE COMMENT ABOUT "SUPPOSEDLY TRANQUIL MOSCOW" IN MOSCOW A-193 SEEMS AT VARIANCE WITH REPORTED CASES OF VIOLENCE IN MOSCOW PUBLIC PLACES AND INSTITUTIONS KNOWN TO EMBOFFS OVER THE YEARS.

4. FOLLOWING TWO EXCHANGEES ON BASIS OF PAST EVENTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY SOONEST IF SOVIETS INITIATE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT VISITS:

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- A. PROFESSOR MICHAEL CRAWFORD, FROM UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, WILL BE IN MOSCOW FROM AUG 17-30 WORKING AT THE INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND IVANOVSKY INSTITUTE. LAST YEAR HE WAS IN MOSCOW AS PART OF NAS EXCHANGE AND AT THAT TIME BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM 400 SERUM SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS AT REQUEST OF A SOVIET RESEARCHER. IT APPEARS CERTAIN CRAWFORD'S SCIENTIFIC PARTNERS IN USSR DID NOT GET NECESSARY CLEARANCES TO HAVE HIM TAKE SERUM SAMPLES OUT OF THE USSR FOR ANALYSIS BUT THAT WOULD SEEM AN INTERNAL SOVIET MATTER. CRAWFORD IS BRINGING WITH HIM THE DATA FROM ANALYSIS.

- B. DR. JOHN PETRICCIANI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PATHOLOGY, BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS, FDS WILL BE IN MOSCOW AUG 12-30 AND HOPEFULLY HAS ALREADY CONTACTED SCIENCE SECTION. PETRICCIANI WAS IN MOSCOW SEVERAL YEARS AGO ON HEALTH EXCHANGE AND AT THAT TIME A SCIENTIFIC PARTNER, DR. VALARIE PETUKOV AT THE TARASSEVICH INSTITUTE, INFORMALLY SHARED WITH HIM SOME PUBLISHED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES ON ESP. PETRICCIANI TOOK RUSSIAN PUBLICATION AND, HAVING ONLY PASSING INTEREST, THREW IT AWAY WITHOUT TRANSLATION. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, PETUKOV WAS LATER IMPLICATED IN ROBERT TOTH AFFAIR.

4. MOSCOW 19478 VERY HELPFUL. WE AGREE THAT WISEST COURSE NOW WILL BE TO FOSTER FEELINGS OF ISOLATION IN HER. YOUR ADVICE TRACKS PRECISELY WITH THAT GIVEN US BY DR. PIECZENIK WHO ALSO PERCEIVED THAT SHE WAS HAVING MARITAL PROBLEMS. WE WILL CONTACT VOA'S SOUREN ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. VANCE

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